

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #201,
MERCER COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #201, Mercer County, Illinois, convened at a regular meeting at the Unit Office in the Administrative Center, 402 East Main Street, Aledo, IL, on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO.4	NO.5	NO.6	NO.7	NO.8	NO.9	NO.10
Benson	Aye			Aye		Aye	Aye	Aye		
Forret										
Speer	Aye			Aye		Aye	Aye	Aye		
Shoemaker	Aye			Aye		Aye	Aye	Aye		
Hank	Aye			Aye		Aye	Aye	Aye		
Ball	Aye			Aye		Aye	Aye	Aye		
Tucker	Aye			Aye		Aye	Aye	Aye		

On roll call, the following members answered present: Speer, Shoemaker, Hank, Ball, and Tucker.

Absent: Forret and Benson (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)

Also present: Supt. Alan Boucher; Principals Fleurette, Nelson, and Albert (arrived at 6:35 p.m.); faculty member Marge Seiver; no reporters; also, secretary Connie Hilligoss.

Public Comment/Board Comments/Correspondence: The board discussed the possible future installation of an elevator at the high school. A letter from a household who was concerned with our compliance regarding the Americans With Disabilities Act was reviewed. The chairlift is now working which was another concern. The elevator needs to be on a capital improvement list for future budgeting and our architect will explore possibilities. The superintendent will reply either by letter or phone to the family who sent the letter informing them of the board's discussion and future planning.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. There was a motion by Speer, seconded by Benson, to approve the following items from the consent agenda:
 - a. Approve minutes of September 15, 2008 (Regular Meeting).
 - b. Approve financial report, treasurer's report, and bill list.
 - c. Ratify September paid bill list.
 - d. Approve FY09 State Library Grant.

Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

2. There was a motion by Ball, seconded by Speer, to approve the district-wide Pest Management Plan as presented. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

FY08 AUDIT

3. There was a motion by Speer, seconded by Hank, to approve the fiscal year 2008 audit by Cavanaugh, Davies, Blackman, & Cramblet. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

INTO CLOSED SESSION

4. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Speer, to go into closed session to discuss personnel and litigation. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

- INTO OPEN SESSION** 5. There was a motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Benson, to go into open session. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.
- OTHER STAFF & NON-STAFF PAY** 6. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Speer, to approve the Staff and Non-Staff Pay and Reimbursement Rates for 2008/09 as presented. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- HIRE ADVISORS** 7. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Hank, to hire the following staff members for the 2008/09 school year: Cullen Welter as weight room coordinator; Brooke Fleurette as Key Club advisor; Andrea Hesse as graduation and prom advisor; and, Mike Chausse and Aaron Heartt as FFA advisors. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- 8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL COACH** 8. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Speer, to hire Mark Artcher as 8th grade boy's basketball coach for the 2008/09 school year. Roll call: 6 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.
- AIDE RESIGNATION** 9. There was a motion by Benson, seconded by Hank, to accept with regrets the resignation from Angie DeBlock as teacher's aide effective October 24, 2008. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.
- ADJOURN** 10. There was a motion by Hank, seconded by Speer, to adjourn. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.
- OTHER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**
- PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN** 1. The integrated pest management plan is a working document required of Illinois schools. It is aligned with mandated regulations.
- FY 2008 AUDIT** 2. Our auditing firm has completed their audit for last year. There were no new findings. The one thing that has been cited for years is inadequate segregation of duties in the business office but the corrective action is not practical due to the cost of hiring additional personnel. Our actual expenditures (all funds \$7,603,845) was below our revenues (all funds \$7,762,796) by \$158,951.
- DELEGATE FOR SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION** 3. The delegate for the annual school board convention was not chosen at this school board meeting so it will be brought up again at the November meeting. The resolutions can also be reviewed by the board and any comments regarding them could be brought to the attention of our delegate.
- BASS FISHING PROGRAM** 4. The IHSA has sanctioned a bass fishing program that will be held during the 2009 spring season. Aaron Heartt and Bill Breeden have expressed some interest as a sponsor. The start-up costs could be fairly minimal (\$200). The only competition would be sectionals and state. A boat, adult driver, and three students can make up the team. A straw poll of the board indicated positive thoughts but they would like a board presentation before making a decision to enter the program.
- CONSOLIDATION UPDATE** 5. The board discussed the upcoming consolidation question on the ballot. There were questions regarding the assistant principal at the high school and if there was enough space in the high school music room. It was noted there have not been a

lot of negative comments in either community so what that means is anybody's guess.

ADM. REPORTS

6. Supt. Boucher and Principal Albert did not add any more comments besides their written reports. Junior high principal Nelson informed the board that Susie Marston (teacher's aide) had a heart attack but is recovering nicely. Apollo principal Fleurette reported that a concrete slab has recently been poured to accommodate an area in the Apollo forest. On October 2nd Apollo will be having a Science Night for Apollo families. There will be fifteen stations set up where experiments may be conducted. Also, there will be a book sale of donated books.

Marta Tucker, President, Board of Education

Laurie Benson, Secretary, Board of Education

Approved: _____

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #201,
MERCER COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #201, Mercer County, Illinois, convened at a special meeting at the Unit Office in the Administrative Center, 402 East Main Street, Aledo, IL, on Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO.4						
Benson	Aye	Aye	Aye							
Forret	Aye	Aye	Aye							
Speer										
Shoemaker	Aye	Aye	Aye							
Hank										
Ball										
Tucker	Aye	Aye	Aye							

On roll call, the following members answered present: Benson, Forret, Shoemaker, and Tucker.

Absent: Ball, Speer, and Hank.

Also present: Supt. Boucher and principal Kathy Albert; Student A and Student A’s guardian.

INTO CLOSED SESSION 1. There was a motion by Forret, seconded by Benson, to go into closed session to conduct a student expulsion hearing. Roll call: 4 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

INTO OPEN SESSION 2. There was a motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Forret, to go into open session. Roll call: 4 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

EXPULSION 3. There was a motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Forret, to hold in abeyance Student A’s expulsion pending completion of the PASS program with the option of participating in commencement ceremonies in May 2009. Roll call: 4 Ayes, no Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN 4. There was a motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Tucker, to adjourn. Majority of Ayes by voice vote. Motion carried.

Marta Tucker, President, Board of Education

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